

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Earl Nall on the celebration of his sixty-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Earl Nall celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday on February 22, 2009, a milestone that was commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, a Tennessean since birth, Earl Nall was born in Columbia sixty-five years ago on February 22, 1944; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Oak Ridge High School in 1962, Mr. Nall attended Lincoln Memorial University, earning his degree in 1966; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from college, Mr. Nall embarked on a career in the field of education, teaching math to students in Florida for several years; and

WHEREAS, changing careers in 1968, Mr. Nall worked as a computer programmer and systems analyst for several companies, including Union Carbide and the Martin Marietta Corporation and earned the respect of his peers and colleagues alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he was instrumental in designing the first computer programs to inventory nuclear warheads made at the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nall utilizes his impressive computer skills in his current position as Director of Technology for the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA); he is recognized as a pioneer in the application of computer technology for high school sports, both within the State of Tennessee and nationally; Mr. Nall developed the TSSAA website in 1996, a high school football rating system for the State of Tennessee, and numerous computer programs for on-line use for the TSSAA; and

WHEREAS, Earl Nall is no stranger to honors and accolades, and his unswerving commitment to excellence earned him membership in the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2006. He is the first of only two members of the Hall of Fame from Roane County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Earl Nall has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Earl Nall compiled an impressive record of community service while serving on the Roane County Board of Education for nine years and epitomized the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated civic leader, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Earl Nall's remarkable success as a civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, he is perhaps proudest of the love he shares with his wife of over twenty-nine years, Joyce Reagan Nall, and his daughter, Sara Elizabeth Miles and her husband, Marty; and

WHEREAS, as he reaches this important milestone, Mr. Nall enjoys spending his time with family, friends, and his community; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Earl Nall on the celebration of his sixty-fifth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.